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1. SENEGALESE OFFICIALS NOW PREDICT ATTENDANCE AT
DAKAR COMMODITIES CONFERENCE WILL REACH 105 TO 110
COUNTRIES. RATIONALE FOR INVITATIONS UNCLEAR BUT
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BASED ON POLITICAL AS WELL AS ECONOMIC FACTORS.

INVITED APPARENTLY INCLUDE ALL OF GROUP OF 77, LDC'S WHO NOT MEMBERS OF GROUP, MOST NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, BUT NO "DEVELOPED" COUNTRIES OTHER THAN FINLAND, AUSTRIA AND SWEDEN. IN ADDITION, LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, OAU, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF PRODUCER ASSOCIATIONS SUCH AS OPEC HAVE ALSO BEEN INVITED.

2. ACCORDING TO GERMAN EMBASSY HERE, INVITATION TO FRG WAS EXTENDED IN ERROR BY SENEGALESE AMBASSADOR TO BONN WHO HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO INVITE AUSTRIA, FINLAND AND SWEDEN BUT ONLY INFORM FRG ABOUT CONFERENCE. WHEN GERMAN EMBASSY INQUIRED AT SENEGALESE FOREIGN MINISTRY, THEY WERE INFORMED FRG NOT INVITED SINCE THEY DID NOT BELONG

TO GROUP OF 77, BUT FINLAND, AUSTRIA AND SWEDEN WOULD BE OBSERVERS BECAUSE THEY ARE "IN BETWEEN". SENEGALESE RADIO ANNOUNCED JAN 30 THAT GOVERNMENTS OF REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, KHMER REPUBLIC, AND REPUBLIC OF KOREA HAD NOT BEEN INVITED "FOR POLITICAL REASONS". ACCORDING SOUTH KOREAN CHARGE, NORTH KOREANS HAVE NOT BEEN INVITED EITHER, BUT HE IS WORRIED THAT NORTH KOREANS MAY BE ASKED ATTEND.

3. SENEGALESE FOREIGN MINISTRY CABINET DIRECTOR YOUSSEPH SYLLA AND AMBASSADOR AMADOU CISSE, HEAD OF SENEGAL'S MISSION IN GENEVA, GAVE PRESS CONFERENCE JAN 29 WHICH OUTLINED PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE. THEY SAID CONFERENCE WILL TAKE AS BASIS FOR ITS WORK DOCUMENTS DRAWN UP AT SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION ON RAW MATERIALS, ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE AND MEETINGS OF INTER-GOVERNMENTAL GROUP OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES WHICH HAS MET TWICE IN GENEVA IN RECENT MONTHS. LATTER GROUP APPARENTLY WILL CONTINUE ITS WORK HERE IN DAKAR IN TANDEM WITH WORK OF COMMODITIES CONFERENCE. MAJOR CONCERNS OF CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS, ACCORDING SYLLA AND CISSE, WILL BE DEVELOPING COMMON STRATEGY AMONG LDC'S TO BOOST EXPORT PRICES OF RAW MATERIALS, STABILIZE PRICES OVER LONG TERM AND RESTRUCTURE WORLD COMMERCE. NO MENTION MADE OF PRICE INDEXING. CONFERENCE, THEY SAID, WILL TRY BOOSTER SOLIDARITY AMONG PRODUCER ASSOCIATIONS, AND CREATE NEW ASSOCIATIONS.

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3. WE UNDERSTAND FROM DIPLOMATIC SOURCES THAT SENEGAL INTENT ON TAKING PRODUCT BY PRODUCT APPROACH AT CONFERENCE, ON DEVELOPING AN ACTION PROGRAM AND A MEANS FOR FOLLOWING UP ON PROGRAM FOR EACH RAW MATERIAL, AND ON CREATION OF AS MANY PRODUCER ASSOCIATIONS AS POSSIBLE. RICHER LDCS ALSO EXPECT LESS FAVORED LDCS TO RAISE QUESTION OF HOW BENEFITS OF LDC SOLIDARITY MAY BE EXTENDED TO THEM.

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